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SUBJECT DISCHARGE OF CREW FROM SS AZALEA CITY

REF BORDEAUX OM TO SCS DATED OCTOBER 9, 1975

1. ON OCTOBER 6, 1975 SS AZALEA CITY WAS DEACTIVATED IN BORDEAUX FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME AND IT WAS NECESSARY FOR CONGEN BORDEAUX TO DISCHARGE THE ENTIRE CREW AND CLOSE OUT THE SHIPPING ARTICLES. THERE WAS A DISPUTE OVER THE SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF WAGES DUE TO CREW AND NUMBER OF SEAMEN WERE DISCHARGED UNDER PROTEST (SEE REF OM FOR DETAILS).

2. CONGEN HAS JUST RECEIVED A LETTER DATED JANUARY 28, 1976 FROM EARL R MCMILLIN, ATTORNEY AT LAW, FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG, 215 MADISON STREET, SUITE 1202, TAMPA, FLORIDA REQUESTING THAT CONGEN PROVIDE HIM WITH WHATEVER RECORDS WE HAVE CONCERNING THE DISCHARGE OF THE CREW OF THE AZALEA CITY INCLUDING THE SHIPS ARTICLES AND CREW LIST. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

3. DEAR SIR,
I REPRESENT MR JOHN C POWERS, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND MERCHANT SEAMAN, WHO SIGNED OFF THE SS AZALEA CITY AT BORDEAUX ON OCTOBER 6, 1975. ENCLOSED IS A PHOTOCOPY OF MR POWERS CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE AND THE DOCUMENT HE EXECUTED AT MY REQUEST AUTHORIZING ME TO OBTAIN RECORDS ON HIS BEHALF

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PLEASE SEND ME WHATEVER RECORDS YOU MAY HAVE CONCERNING THE

DISCHARGE OF THE CREW OF THE AZALEA CITY, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SEAMEN ALL PROTESTED THEIR DISCHARGE FROM THE VESSEL. FURTHER, I AM ADVISED THAT YOUR OFFICE HAS EITHER THE ORIGINAL SHIPS ARTICLES AND CREW LIST OR COPIES OF THE SAME. IF SO, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU FURNISH ME A COPY OF THOSE. UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND THE VARIOUS REGULATIONS THEREUNDER, I UNDERSTAND THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO REIMBURSE THE UNITED COSTS OF PHOTOCOPYING. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT I AM READY TO DO SO. VERY TRULY YOURS,
EARL R MCMILLIN

4. CONGEN SUBMITTED SHIPS DOCUMENTS TO OFFICER IN CHARGE, MERCHANT VESSEL, PERSONNEL DIVISION, US COAST GUARD ON OCTOBER 8, 1975. THESE DOCUMENTS WERE THE FOLLOWING:

- A. OFFICIAL LOG BOOK
- B. OIL RECORD
- C. CERTIFIED CREW LIST
- D. SHIPPING ARTICLES
- E. SEAMEN ACTION CERTIFICATES
- F. CERTIFICATES OF DISCHARGE

5. CONGEN REQUEST DEPARTMENTS GUIDANCE ON HOW TO PROCEED ON THIS MATTER. IN CONGENS VIEW, LEGAL COMPLEXITIES WHICH MAY ARISE FROM THIS CASE NECESSITATE THAT THIS MATTER BE HANDLED DIRECTLY BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT, OR COAST GUARD, AND MR MCMILLIN. COPY OF LETTER WITH ENCLOSURES (I.E. SEAMENS AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF RECORDS AND COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE) BEING POUCHED TO SCS.
PLEASE ADVISE
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